

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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DISCONTINUATION OF PARCEL BOOKING FOR SMALL RAILWAY STATIONS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Railways have discontinued the parcel bookings for small railway stations;
- (b) If so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) Whether the Railways have received any representations from various quarters for restoration of parcel booking services for small stations; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Railways thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) In order to improve quality of service and reduce expenditure, stations having meagre earnings from parcel traffic have been closed.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) Representations have been received from time-to-time. However, in most cases, it has not been found fit to reopen stations whose earnings from parcel traffic is not remunerative to the railways.